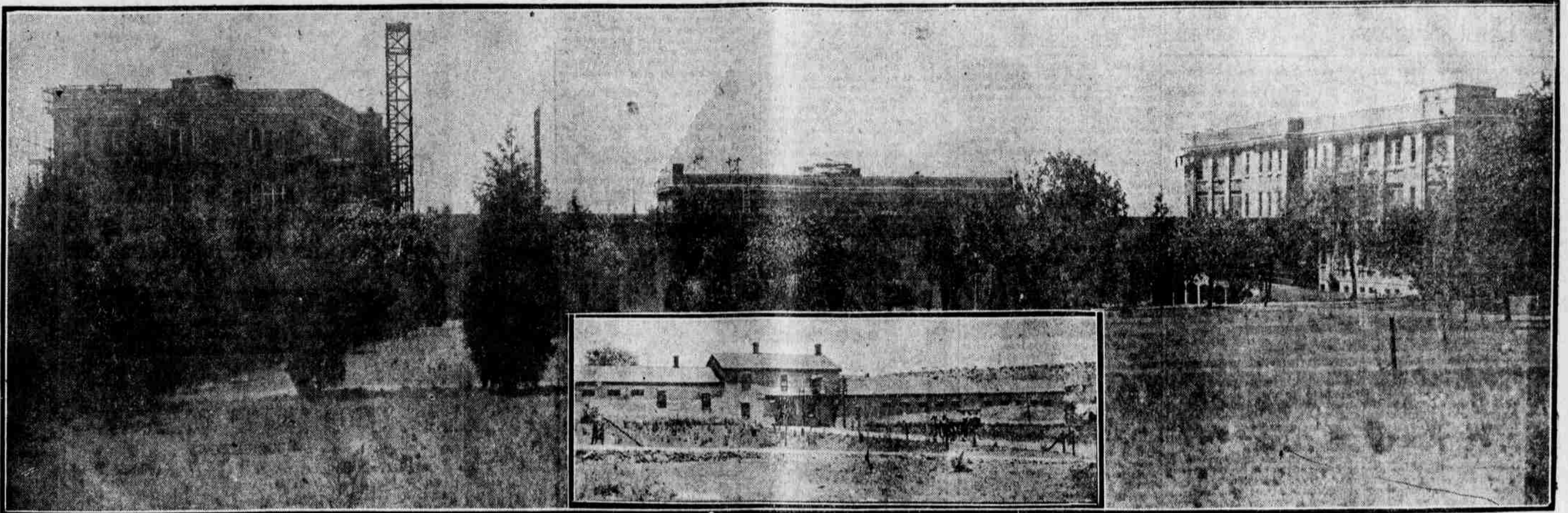


NEW HOSPITAL BUILDINGS AT FORT BAYARD, N. M., ARE DEDICATED; MORE THAN \$800,000 EXPENDED TO CARE FOR WORLD WAR VETERANS



Panorama view of two new infirmary ward buildings and mess hall, costing over \$800,000, just completed at U. S. Veterans' Hospital No. 55, Fort Bayard, New Mexico. Insert is adobe entrance building and warehouses, built over 30 years ago, when Fort Bayard was Army Post. These old buildings being razed to provide site for new edifices. Note contrast between ancient and modern style of architecture.

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Silver City, N. M., June 17.—Featured by one of the largest gatherings ever assembled at Ft. Bayard, a group of new buildings costing over \$800,000 were formally dedicated today at United States Veterans' Hospital No. 55.

A program of exercises opening at 10 o'clock this morning and concluding at 10 o'clock tonight made the day a gala occasion at the famous frontier military post which in the past year has been transferred into the largest and most modern hospital for the care and treatment of tubercular ex-service men in the world.

The principal speakers at today's dedication exercises were Gov. M. C. Mechem, Col. Rice W. Means of Denver, chairman of the American Legion rehabilitation committee; Durbin Van Law, Denver, district manager of the United States veterans' bureau, and former Congressman W. B. Walton of Silver City. Maj. W. R. Levertson, acting commanding officer, presided. Due to press of business in Washington neither United States Senators A. A. Jones nor H. O. Bursum were able to attend, though both had accepted invitations which were cancelled at the last moment.

The twenty-fourth infantry band of Columbus furnished music throughout the day and evening. The new buildings were thrown open for inspection of the public two hours during the afternoon. Lunch and dinner this evening were furnished several thousand visitors by the hospital authorities.

Description of Buildings. A complete description of the buildings written by the superintendent of construction, A. S. McCulloch, appears in the following article:

This addition to U. S. Veterans' Hospital No. 55 consists of three buildings forming a so-called infirmary group, an addition to the present central power and refrigerating plants.

The infirmary group is composed of three buildings, a kitchen and mess building in the center, connected by corridors to the main ward buildings on either side. The main floor of the kitchen and mess building accommodates the kitchen and dining rooms—the latter seating upwards of 400 people. The kitchen has the very latest things in equipment of this character, and every facility for prompt service of good food well cooked. Stairways and an electric lift are provided to

the basement, where are found locker rooms for both men and women employees, toilet rooms, twelve miscellaneous storage rooms and four refrigerating rooms for meat, vegetables, milk, etc. The latter are mechanically refrigerated by a six-ton refrigerating machine located adjacent to them in the basement. This machine also mechanically cools the refrigerator boxes provided in the kitchen on the floor above. In connection with the main dining room service provided, it should be mentioned that arrangements have been made for a cafeteria system in addition, should it be desired to utilize this method for those who prefer it.

Covered corridors connect both the basement and first floor of the kitchen and mess building with the buildings on each side comprising the wards proper. The west ward building, or wing, has a capacity of 125 beds. In the basement of this wing are work shops for occupational therapy treatment, supply rooms and class rooms for occupational therapy instruction, toilet rooms, storage rooms of various kinds, etc. On the first floor are provided wards of different sizes, with a capacity each of from one to six beds; ample toilet facilities with shower baths and bath tubs inclosed in slate partitions; a diet

kitchen and dining room; two duty rooms for nurses; a doctor's office and waiting room; and storage rooms for supplies, linens, etc. An ample solarium is also provided in order that patients may receive the full benefit of the wonderful local climate. The second and third floors of this wing have practically similar arrangements as are provided on the first floor just described.

The basement of the eastern wing, on the opposite side, provides a large recreation room, an assembly room for viewing motion pictures, offices for the recreational director, a barber shop, toilet rooms, room for storage of clothing, trunks, etc., and several other large storage rooms. The accommodations provided by the first, second and third floors of this wing are similar to those on the same floors in the west wing described above, and the capacity of each wing is the same, 125 beds, or a total for both of 250. Each wing has automatic electric elevator service from the basement to the top floor. Mention should also be made of the nurses' call system installed in each ward, whereby a patient, by pressing a button at his bed, illuminates a lamp in the ceiling of the corridor just outside the door to his ward and at the same

time cause the number of his ward to appear in illuminated figures on the door of a cabinet over the desk in the nurses' duty room on the same floor.

Fireproof Throughout.

The construction of these buildings is fireproof throughout, the walls being of skeleton concrete with hollow tile panels and the floors consisting of concrete slabs. The finished floors in the basements and toilet rooms are of cement. Elsewhere generally the floors are finished with a composition magnesite covering which has all the advantages of a wood floor with the additional non-absorbent sanitary qualities of a cement floor. It makes for quietness and is the floor finish used probably more than any other in modern hospital construction.

The style of the building, architecturally speaking, may perhaps best be described as a simple Georgian, modified somewhat to suit the local inheritance of the country roundabout. The buildings have not been over-elaborated, but a carefully studied proportioning of the openings to the wall space has resulted in a very attractive elevation. The exterior finish of the basement walls is in the natural concrete rubbed

to a uniform granular surface with carborundum blocks—above the basement the walls have been stuccoed with a sand finish. The color of the latter has been given very carefully study, and is a grey cream tint which harmonizes very happily with the prevailing tone of the surrounding country, and preserves with admirable felicity the best traditions of local older Spanish colonial architecture. The first impression received by the stranger in the hospital is one of surprise at the large amount of window space provided for light and ventilation. A feeling of airiness and light pervades the buildings.

The additions made to the heating, power refrigerating plants add over 100 per cent to the former capacities of these utilities.

The construction work throughout was done by R. E. McKee, contractor, of El Paso, Texas. The S. Faith company, Inc., installed the mechanical equipment. The work was completed substantially on contract time, and within six months from the time ground was broken.

The buildings were designed by the supervising architect of the treasury department. The project was not authorized until July, 1921, and sketches were made, plans pre-

pared and placed on the market for bids, and the contract let November 9, 1921.

Much credit is due to the superintendent of construction, A. B. McCulloch, who has been at Fort Bayard since July 15, 1921. He arrived at that time, as the advance representative of the treasury department and assisted in the preparation of all plans and specifications, as well as checking the letting of bids, etc. Since the actual physical construction of the building was started, he has been in charge of all the work and the magnificent structure is indeed a fitting monument to his skill and conscientious performance of duty.

Mr. McCulloch is from the office of the supervising architect of the treasury department and is constantly in the field engaged in work similar to what he has performed at Fort Bayard. He has made many friends during the year that he has been here.

Babe Ruth has the job of his life in trying to overtake Williams. Hornsby and Miller for the season's home run honors.

From the way "Irish" Meusel is hitting, the Giants, gardener must have started his annual swat spree.

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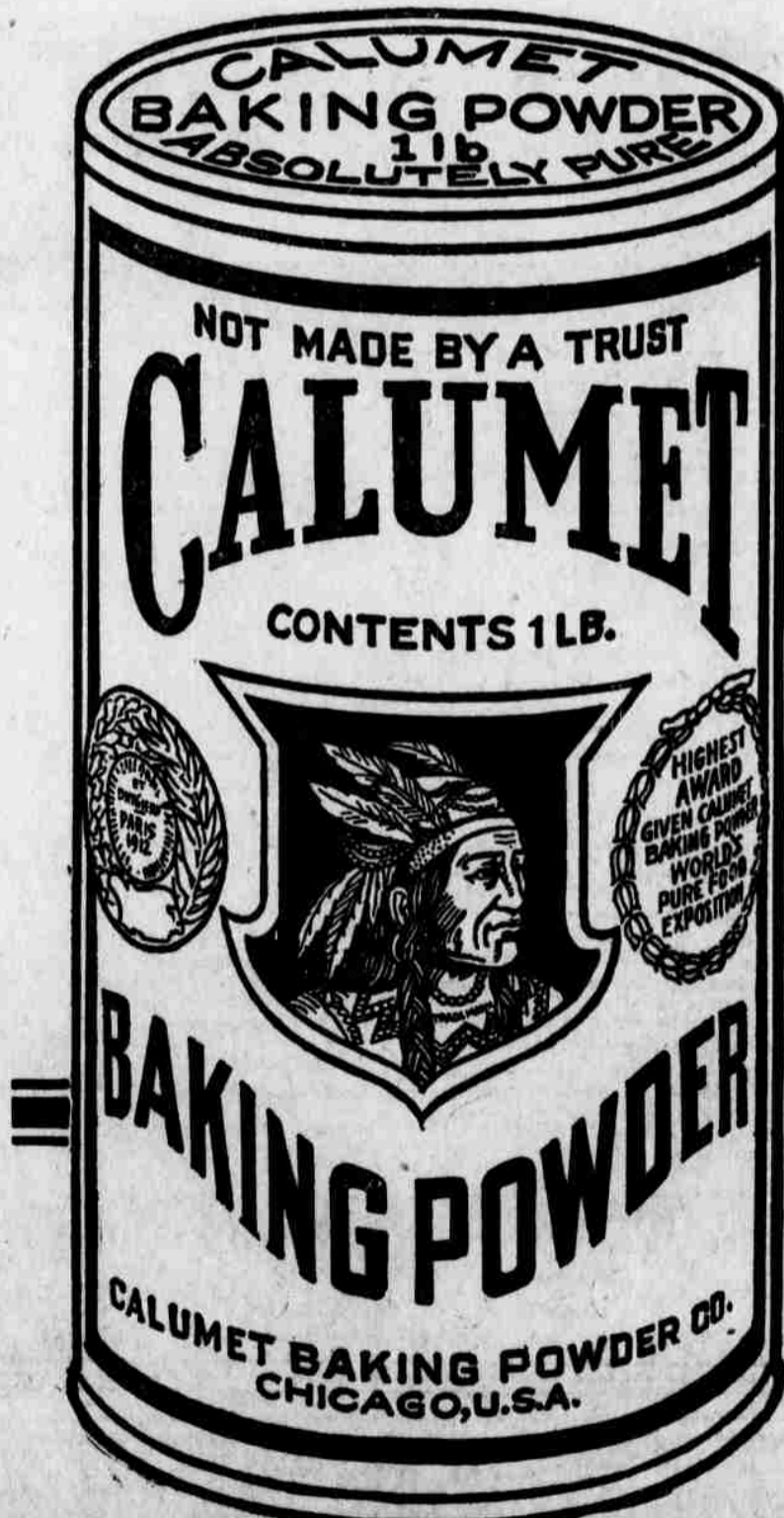
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